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DECLARATION OF BRANT MONSON

I, Brant Monson, declare that:

1. I am the inventor in the above referenced application.
2. Upon completion of the above referenced invention, I took the invention to Harley-Davidson Motor Company (owner of the Gogan ('232) patent) to discuss the possible sale or licensing of the invention to Harley-Davidson.

3. Upon evaluation of the invention, Harley-Davidson informed me that the invention was not suitable for use as a motorcycle accessory because it contained a sliding lock mechanism. I was told that a rotating cam lock mechanism was necessary for this type of equipment. It was clear from our discussion that Harley-Davidson considered the sliding feature of the lock as unacceptable and inconsistent with their view of a properly engaging lock feature.

Brant Monson

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